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25X1 1. The following troop trains were identified between 8 and 16 September:

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8 September

Burg

Weimar

Burg

Erfurt Area

Burg

Ohrdruf

Burg

Mechterstaedt

Burg

Emleben

Burg

Weimar

9 September

Burg

Erfurt Area

Rathenow

Aken

Genthin

Dresden

10 September

Rathenow

Aken

Genthin

Dresden

Genthin

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DateFromTo

13 September

Rathenow

Fuerstenberg

15 September

Rathenow

Fuerstenberg

16 September

Rathenow

Dresden

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2. New overhead telephone lines were laid in the Rathenow area after mid-August. Some led to the Ziethen Kaserne and others to the Wudicke airfield. The lines had been removed again by 15 September. In late August, the field bakery located in the Old Age Home in Rathenow was joined by another field bakery with 16 ovens.
3. Numerous signal units bivouacked in the woods southeast of Rathenow between 2 and 9 September. Between 5 and 7 September, six U-2's, sometimes flying at low levels in formations of three, were observed at the alternate airfield on the western perimeter of Rathenow.

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Comment: The shipments from Burg to Thuringia indicate the participation

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of units of the 8th Guards Army in the previously reported exercise.

The unloading and assembling area of these units has not yet been determined.

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The shipments to Saxony and Fuerstenberg indicate that units of the 1st and 2nd

Guards Mechanized Armies also participated in the exercise. Motor vehicle

of the GOFG and of the 1st and 2nd Guards Mechanized Armies were observed with

the signal units mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3. It is assumed that the

central command echelon of the GOFG was stationed in the Rathenow area and that this

headquarters was engaged in preparatory and dismantling activities between

mid-August and mid-September. The exercise probably lasted from 28 August to

10 September.

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